Rural habitations without proper drinking water

1759. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural habitations in the country that remain without proper drinking water facility, State-wise;

(b) the time-schedule chalked out to provide drinking water to all these rural habitations, State-wise;

(c) the number of rural habitations provided with central assistance/ through central schemes during each of the last two years, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for not achieving the targets, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) As per the Comprehensive Action Plan, 1999 and the subsequent coverage status reported by States/ Union Territories till 31.1.2006, there are 47,476 habitations not fully covered with drinking water supply (3,891 Not covered and 43,585 Partially Covered). The State-wise list is given in the Statement (*See* below). However, since the coverage status is a dynamic one due to various factors like increase is population, sources going dry, emergence of water quality problems, failure in source and system etc., the Fully Covered habitations sometimes slip back to Partially Covered or Not Covered category.

(b) Bharat Nirman has been conceived as a plan to build rural infrastructure in four years period (2005-06 to 2008-09). Rural drinking water is one of the components of Bharat Nirman. Under the said component, it is envisaged to cover all uncovered habitations and also to address the problem of slippage and water quality.

(c) and (d) Rural drinking water is a State subject, and State Governments responsible to provide drinking water facilities in rural habitations. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of State Governments in this regard by rendering financial assistance to the States through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The assistance is not provided

direct to the rural habitations. The State Governments are competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply projects from the Central funds. With the assistance provided, the State Governments could cover 54,890 habitation, which include uncovered, slipped back and quality affected habitations till 31.1.2006 against the target of coverage of 56270 habitations during 2005-06.

Statement

Status of remaining uncovered habitations under Rural Water Supply Programme as on 31.1.2006

Sl. No.	State/UT	NC	PC	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	136	490	626
2.	Assam	188	5467	5655
3.	Goa	0	6	6
4.	Gujarat	0	32	32
5.	Himachal Pradesh	0	5773	5773
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	599	2378	2977
7.	Karnataka	0	4353	4353
8.	Kerala	0	5686	5686
9.	Maharashtra	307	16971	17278
10.	Meghalaya	12	221	233
11.	Mizoram	0	112	112
12.	Nagaland	41	690	731
13.	Punjab	515	897	1412
14.	Rajasthan	2050	0	2050
15.	Sikkim	0	52	52
16.	Uttaranchal	25	210	235
17.	A&N Islands	0	102	102
18.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	18	41	59

1	2	3	4	5
19.	Lakshadweep	0	10	10
20.	Pondicherry	0	94	94
	TOTAL	3891	43585	47476

NC: Not Covered, PC: Partially Covered

Construction of Road under PMGSY in Malda, West Bengal

†1760. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of villages in Malda district of West Bengal which are likely to be linked with metalled road under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the current financial year;

(b) whether the Bhutani Diyara area under police station Manikchek of this district has also been covered under the said scheme since population of approximately one lakh people are deprived of the facility of transportation;

(c) if so, the details of the scheme formulated in this regard and by when this scheme is likely to be completed; and

(d) if this area is not covered under the said scheme, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) The project proposals cleared under PMGSY in the recent past, which are likely to be taken up in the current financial year in Malda district of West Bengal, are listed in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively. The road works to be taken up under PMGSY in Bhutani Diyara area of Malda district in accordance with the Core Network/Comprehensive New Connectivity Priority List as furnished by the State are listed in Statement-III. Bhutani Diyara being an Island (Char) is surrounded by river Fulahar and Ganga requiring major CD works to be constructed for providing connectivity to the habitations of that area. 'Rural Roads' being a State subject, it depends when the State is likely to propose the roads to connect the habitations under Bhutani Diyara in accordance with the PMGSY guidelines.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.